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1. On 1 April 1954, measures were initiated to convert the previous VEB Schiffbau, Projekt- und Konstruktionsbuero (VEB shipbuilding project and designs bureau) in Berlin into a project bureau. In future, all designing activities are to be conducted in the designs bureaus of the shipyards themselves. About 50 percent of the personnel of the former VEB Schiffbau, Projekt- und Konstruktionsbuero Berlin will be affected by this reorganization. Nevertheless, two young engineers, SED members, were hired by the Berlin bureau as late as 1 April. Work orders on hand at the bureau will be completed in the month of April 1954. The Shipbuilding Department did not work to capacity. Only the Fitting Out and Engineering Department and enough work.

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2. On 3 April 1954, a commission of the Ministry for Machine Construction visited the bureau in connection with the planned conversion to a design bureau. No information was given on the results of this visit. The only statement made was that the tanker ordered by the Soviets was the last design order received by the bureau. Work on the tanker was to be concluded by June 1954.

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a small staff of designing engineers would be retained. They were to render assistance to the designs bureaus of minor shipyards. The chief designing engineer also stated that no personnel would be discharged. Younger designing engineers who lived outside Berlin are scheduled to be transferred to the individual shipyards. However, source learned that the Thaelmann Shipyard in Brandenburg, because of a lack of work, discharged 17 employees of its designs bureau.

Comment. The reorganization of the Projekt- und Konstruktionsbuero in Berlin indicates that this office, so far the only agency available for project and design work in the field of shipbuilding, did not come up to expectations. The failure of the bureau is believed to be caused chiefly by clumsy bureaucracy and the very complicated formalized procedures of the East German administration, in particular of those branches which control industrial production. Another factor endangering the economic soundness of the bureau was that the Soviets very often changed the specifications for

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the equipment ordered by them, which in turn involved additional work which was not paid for. It is to be taken into consideration in this connection that a project and design bureau employs highly qualified personnel which must be paid high salaries.

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